

ROBERT WILSON GLENN AND SARAH WILLIAMS

Robert Wilson Glenn was born March 5, 1813, in Surrey County, North Carolina. He married at an early age. They had two children, then were divorced. Later he mar-

ried Sarah Williams on December 5, 1853.



She was born November 12, 1837 a daughter of John Williams and Marcia Lucas. Robert Glenn died May 18, 1873, and is buried in the Wallsburg cemetery.

Robert left home at an early age and went to Wetumpka, Alabama, where he married. They had two children. He divorced his wife (name not known) and left the children with one of his brothers to rear.

After much traveling over the west from Missouri to Santa Fe, he made his way to Salt Lake on November 27, 1850, and was baptized into the LDS Church on November 28, 1850. He was sent to Manti to found the first grist mill there.

He married Sarah Williams, he being 40 and she 16.

In 1864, the Glenns went to Sevier Valley where they settled what is now known as Glenwood — they called it Fort Glenn Cove. They were forced to abandon their belongings during the Black Hawk Indian War, and Mr. Glenn brought his family to the Heber Valley to operate a grist and flour mill for President Abram Hatch.

He moved his family to Wallsburg about 1872 where they were all active in early day church and community activities there.

Their children, born to them at Manti, Sanpete County, were: Sarah Jane, Robert Wilson, Jr., Marcia Ann, John Thomas, George Austin and Ada.

Sarah Williams was born November 11, 1836, at Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, daughter of John Williams and Marcia Jane Lucas. She died July 11, 1916, and is buried in Wallsburg.

Robert and Sarah moved to Wallsburg from Heber City, Utah, about 1871 and lived first in a round-log house where Susie Davis now lives; then they bought property south of the school house across the street from Abe Wall and west of Alfred Fords. About

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two years later, her husband became ill of pneumonia and died leaving her with a young family to care for and rear.

Sarah was the first Primary president of the Wallsburg Ward, in Wallsburg Stake of Zion. She was very active and served the children well because she loved them. She took part in the social activities of the ward for she was a natural leader in sports.

She acquired the first copy of a three-act play, the first that was put on in Wallsburg. This wasn't an easy job to do, parts had to be hand copied for each one in the cast. Polly Bigelow Allred said she and Isabell Kerby went to Sarah's home many nights and copied the parts while Sarah read them from the one book. They worked till one or two o'clock in the morning to get the parts ready before they could even cast the play. With Sarah's patient guidance, this first play was a real success, so many more followed successfully. Bishop Nuttall and every one else helped her all they could.

When Polly Bigelow was 10 years old, the family moved back to Wallsburg from Provo, where they had been living, just at Christmas time. Sarah gave the family a special invitation to the Christmas party at the church house. This year they had their first community Christmas tree. The men in the ward got a large tree, set it up in the Church, and the women decorated it with strings of popcorn and gay paper chains. The parents brought one present each for their children, put the child's name on it, and put them under or on the tree. That night a program was held, then Santa came, read the children's names and gave them their present as they came up.

Polly's mother didn't know about this custom so didn't have anything for Polly. She was feeling bad about it, when she heard her little girl's name called. Polly went up and there was a doll for her, about twelve inches long, she said. Polly always said this was her most wonderful Christmas.

Sarah had a large woodbox which she always kept full and a good supply, neatly piled against her wall, by picking up chunks of wood when coming from town or visiting her neighbors and carrying home with her.

She raised fine pigs which the butchers liked to buy for they always got a better price when selling them. She raised chickens and sold eggs and young chickens for

market. She made delicious chicken soup. She was a very wonderful cook.

Sarah Williams Glenn was a school teacher and for many years in the latter part of her life was school janitor, a very fine one. Just before her death she had cleaned the school house and washed all the windows which was a real undertaking.

Blood poisoning, caused by a scratch from a chicken, caused her death.

2 mills in
Manti
Becker's Mill
Work's Mill

Robert Wilson Glenn